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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 by striking out all of the first 6 lines (page 1, lines 4 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘1. Number. ABy the 2016-2017 school year, a school administrative unit shall make provision for the maintenance of all of its schools for at least ~~180~~185 days a year. At least ~~175~~ days shall be used for instruction~~176~~ days must be used for instruction in the 2012-2013 school year, and at least 177 days must be used for instruction in the 2013-2014 school year and in subsequent school years. In meeting the requirement of a ~~180-day~~185-day school year, no more than 58 days may be used for in-service education of teachers, administrative meetings, parent-teacher conferences, records' days and similar activities, phased in as follows: no more than 6 days may be used for these activities by the 2014-2015 school year, no more than 7 days may be used for these activities by the 2015-2016 school year and no more than 8 days may be used for these activities by the 2016-2017 school year and in subsequent school years.’

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (4) in division (a) in subdivision (iv) in the 2nd line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "instruction" the following: 'beginning with the 2013-2014 school year'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "185-day school year" and inserting the following: 'school year beginning with the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with section 4801, subsection 1'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

‘Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides funding for the State's share of the total cost of increasing the number of school days by one instructional day in fiscal year 2012-13.

GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$6,242,360
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$6,242,360

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SUMMARY

The bill increases the school year from 180 days to 185 days. This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, proposes to phase in the increase by extending the school year by one day each year over the 5-year period between the 2012-2013 school year and the 2016-2017 school year. The amendment also strikes the provision in the bill that prohibits counting a day when students are released early as a teacher in-service day. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)